

2010 Youth Deer Hunting Permit Information

SEASON DATES

October 9 and 10, 2010

Fee

OTC County Permits \$10.50

OVER-THE-COUNTER (OTC) AVAILABLE DATES

Open County OTC Permits will be available **August 3rd till the end of the season October 10**

NOTE: Youth Deer Permits will be sold over the counter from a licensed vendor or through the DNR Direct On-Line License system on the IDNR web site at <http://dnr.state.il.us> . Please allow 7 - 10 business days for on-line and phones sales

GENERAL INFORMATION

Youth Deer Permits are available to Residents and Non-Residents.

The Youth Deer Season is only open to hunters who have not reached their 16th birthday prior to the opening date of the season

Hunters may purchase only **ONE** single permit (either-sex) for one of the open counties.

Open Counties: All counties except Cook, DuPage and Lake Counties, and that portion of Kane County east of State Route 47.

Season Information: One-half hour before sunrise on Saturday, October 9 to ½ hour after sunset on Sunday, October 10th. Shooting hours are ½ hour before sunrise to ½ hour after sunset

Bag limits: One deer per legally authorized permit. All either-sex permits are subject to the following restrictions: no hunter, regardless of the quantity or type of permits in his/her possession, may harvest more than 2 antlered deer during a year, including the youth, archery, muzzleloader and firearm seasons. For purposes of this Section, deer seasons are considered to be in the same year if their opening dates fall within the same 12-month period that begins on July 1.

Specifications of legal firearms and their respective legal ammunition for the Youth Deer Hunt are:

- 1) Shotgun, loaded with slugs only, of not larger than 10 nor smaller than 20 gauge, not capable of firing more than 3 consecutive slugs;
- 2) A single or double barreled muzzleloading firearm of at least .45 caliber shooting a single projectile through a barrel of at least sixteen inches in length;
- 3) The minimum size of the firearm projectile shall be .44 caliber. A wad or sleeve is not considered a projectile or part of the projectile. Non-expanding, military-style full metal jacket bullets cannot be used to harvest white-tailed deer; only soft point or expanding bullets (including copper/copper alloy rounds designed for hunting) are legal ammunition.

The standards and specifications for use of such muzzleloading firearms for the Youth Deer Hunt are:

- 1) A muzzleloading firearm is defined as a firearm that is incapable of being loaded from the breech end.

- 2) Only black powder or a black powder substitute such as Pyrodex may be used. Modern smokeless powders (nitrocellulose-based) are an approved blackpowder substitute only in muzzleloading firearms that are specifically designed for their use.
- 3) Percussion caps, wheellock, matchlock or flint type ignition only may be used, except the Connecticut Valley Arms (CVA) electronic ignition shall be legal to use.
- 4) Removal of percussion cap, or removal of prime powder from frizzen pan with frizzen open and hammer all the way down, or removal of prime powder from flashpan and wheel un-wound, or removal of prime powder and match with match not lit, or removal of the battery from the CVA electronic ignition muzzleloader, shall constitute an unloaded muzzleloading firearm.

All participating youths must have completed a Department-approved Hunter Education course. All youth hunters must have a current, valid Youth Deer Permit and have a hunting license or Apprentice Hunting License, unless exempt.

Youth Deer Hunt while using an Apprentice Hunter License must be accompanied by a non-hunting, validly-licensed (Illinois hunting license) parent, guardian or grandparent. All other hunters participating in the Youth Deer Hunt must each be accompanied by a non-hunting supervisor (parent, guardian or responsible adult) who has a valid Illinois hunting license or who has in his or her possession a valid Firearm Owners Identification (FOID) Card. The non-hunting supervisor must wear the orange garments required of gun deer hunters, and must remain with the hunting youth so as to have the youth under immediate control. Each supervisor may only accompany a single youth at any given time during the hunt. The supervising adult shall be criminally liable for the actions of the youth in the hunting party, and be subject to the criminal penalties provided by law.

Reporting Harvest of Deer

Successful hunters must register their harvest by 10:00 p.m. on the same calendar day the deer was taken by calling the toll-free telephone check-in system at 1-866-ILCHECK or by accessing the on-line check-in system at <http://dnr.state.il.us/vcheck>. They will be provided with a confirmation number to verify that they checked in their harvest. This number must be written by the hunter on the temporary harvest tag (leg tag). If the condition of the tag precludes writing on the tag in the appropriate space (i.e., bloody, etc.), the confirmation number shall be written elsewhere on the tag, or onto a piece of paper and attached to the deer along with the temporary harvest tag. The deer must remain whole (or field dressed) until it has been checked in. In instances where deer are checked in while the hunter is still afield, the deer may not be dismembered while afield beyond quartering the animal. If quartered, all parts of the carcass (except the entrails removed during field dressing) must be transported together and evidence of sex must remain naturally attached to one quarter. Evidence of sex is:

- 1) For a buck: head with antlers attached to carcass or attached testicle scrotum, or penis.
- 2) For a doe: head attached to carcass or attached udder (mammary) or vulva.

The harvest tag (leg tag) and confirmation number must remain attached to the deer until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the deer and final processing is completed. If the head/antlers are delivered to a taxidermist for processing, the confirmation number must be recorded on the "head tag" portion of the permit and both must remain with the deer while at the taxidermist's. If the carcass is taken to a meat processor, the harvest tag (leg tag) with confirmation number must remain with the deer while it is processed and until it is at the legal residence of the person who legally took or possessed the deer. Persons delivering deer/parts of deer to a tanner for processing must supply the tanner with either their deer permit number, their confirmation number, or a written certification by the person from whom the deer was received that the specimen was legally taken or obtained.

Please call **217 782 7305** or email us at DNR.Permits1@illinois.gov if you have any questions.